

and, where exceptions occur, there are circumstances which entitle us reasonably to ascribe them to the effects of immigration from the north. The new-comers retain for many generations traces of their original light complexion, and diffuse them by intermarriage with the natives of the soil. In India complexion darkens very noticeably from north to south : the southerners live under a stronger sun : but it is also to be observed that they have lain remote from the torrents of invaders which, pouring across the passes of the Himalayas, have infused a light complexion into Northern India. The lowest castes of Northern India may be presumed to consist of families with which the immigrants did not intermarry. They are almost as dark complexioned as the people of the south. Africa has been protected from invasion by the deserts which shut it off from the Mediterranean, and it is in Africa that we find colour in its darkest shades. It can, then, hardly be disputed that complexion is a trait which has been derived from environmental influences, and has become innate in the breed.

The early arrival of puberty is another physical characteristic which is associated with a hot climate, and has become hereditary. This is a functional peculiarity which must have far-reaching effects upon character. It lessens the period during which the young can acquire useful habits before their minds are preoccupied with

sexual feelings ; and it may not improbably be connected with the relations between man and woman which are to be observed throughout the warmer countries of the world. Romantic love is burnt up in lust; women are regarded as the slaves of men's appetites; and polygamy is generally practised. We have already considered the influence which the predominance of sexual